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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

Town of Kensington,

For the Year Ending March, 1854.

Amount of money raised and received by the
Selectmen, for the Year 1853.

Raised in State, County, Town, School and School house	
taxes, on residents in said town,	\$1825,23
" in Non-resident taxes,	181,88
Received of Francis Hilliard, Collector for 1851,	9,34
" of State Treasurer of Literary Fund,	22,24
" " " Railroad money,	8,00
" of S. Green, Collector for 1852,	46,81
" of Joseph Poor for use of town house,	2,50
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	\$2096,00

Expenditures.

Paid State Tax in full,	\$158,20
" County Tax in full,	270,41
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	\$428,61

Schooling.

Paid Cyrus D. Wadleigh, Prudential Committee in Dist. No. 1,	\$187,51
" Abel Brown " " Dist. No. 2,	218,83
" Cyrus P. Stevens for his services as Superintending School Committee,	3,00
" A. H. Hoyt, Commissioner for Rockingham County for Teachers' Institute,	9,15
" Jonathan Palmer for examining teachers and visiting schools,	7,00
	<hr/> \$425,49

Town Debt.

" Dearborn T. Blake a note against the town with interest,	\$378,19
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Contingencies.

Paid A. W. Lovering for blank books and paper,	\$2,56
" George E. Dearborn for damage to a wheel caused by a bridge breaking down in 1852,	5,00
" Mrs Ramsdell for washing town house,	1,50
" Smith, Hall & Clarke for printing town accounts and school report for 1852,	11,00
" Francis T. Hilliard for damage caused by bridge not being railed on the meadow road,	62,50
" G. Marston for advice on account of the above,	3,00
" John Page for 4 guide boards and painting the same,	,80
" Joseph W. Brown as Superintending School Committee in 1851,	2,00
" John F. Lamprey services in enrolling soldiers,	1,50
" " " for serving two notices and travel,	,54
" Cyrus D. Wadleigh for services in enrolling soldiers in company of Cavalry,	1,50
" Jeremiah F. Blake for services in enrolling militia,	1,50
" George A. Chase for repairing road scraper,	1,00
" John T. Blake for his services as moderator in 1853,	3,00
" John Dow for guide boards, and painting and lettering,	6,50
" Stephen Green for surveyor's warrants, Collector's book and paper,	,54
" " " for postage,	,15
" " " for going to Exeter to obtain specie for a tender,	,57
" " " for services in paying for land and damage,	1,00
" " " for making taxes and recording inventory,	7,00
" " " for service as town treasurer,	5,00
" " " for going to Hampton Falls twice, on account of Sally Dow,	1,25

Paid	"	"	cash paid J. H. Shapley for examin-	
	"	"	ing records,	,33
	"	"	for going to Newburyport to get an af-	
	"	"	fidavit on account of Sally Dow,	
	"	"	and expense on the same,	2,25
	"	"	for going to Exeter 3 times on account	
	"	"	of Sally Dow,	2,25
	"	"	for getting guide boards and putting	
	"	"	them up,	,75
	"	"	for copying town accounts and going	
	"	"	to Exeter to get them printed,	1,25
"	"	"	John Blaisdell for repairing burying ground fence,	,50
"	"	"	Joseph Poor for recording petitions,	1,50
"	"	"	for recording taxes, marriages & births,	4,74
"	"	"	for postage,	,42
"	"	"	for lamp chimnies for town house,	,50
"	"	"	for notifying Selectmen to attend jury	
	"	"	meeting,	2,78
"	"	"	for notifying jurymen,	4,27
"	"	"	for services as town Clerk,	6,00

Selectmen's Bill.

Paid	for their services the year past,	\$27,00
"	for taking inventory and expenses in the same,	18,00
"	for collecting check list,	1,50
"	for making assessments,	6,00
	Expended with the Auditors,	3,00

\$202,68

For Widening Roads.

Paid	Thomas C. Shaw,	\$8,17
"	Charles Hilliard, with interest,	94,52
"	Robert Rowe,	12,85
"	John Tilton,	25,93
"	Joseph C. Hilliard,	12,08
"	Prescott Spaulding,	2,34
"	Ira F. Brown,	4,21
"	Abraham Eaton,	34,94
"	Stephen R. Brown,	12,14
"	Joseph F. Piper,	19,05

\$226,23

Expenses of the Poor.

Paid	Wm. H. Wadleigh, treasurer for 1852, for cash paid to	
	Wm. Hilton, agreeable to a vote of the town,	20,00
"	Andrew Gove for hauling wood for Tibbett's family,	1,00
"	Geo. W. Walton for 2 pair socks for Jesse Roberts,	,92
"	Lavina S. Ramsdell for boarding Jesse Roberts from	
	March 15, 1853 to Feb. 25, 1854, at 4s. a week,	32,67
"	John T. Blake for 1 green jacket for Jesse Roberts,	2,00

Paid J. T. Blake for repairing boots for Jesse Roberts	,75
" John Wadleigh for a pair of boots for do.	2,50
" Stephen Green for overalls, vest & pants do.	5,10
" Lavina S. Ramsdell for making shirts for do.	,50
" Zacheus Roberts agreeable to a vote of the town,	6,00
" do. for boarding and clothing Betty Page from March 15, 1853 to March 15, 1854,	100,00
" Nathaniel Eastman for boarding and clothing Joseph Sanborn from March 15, 1853 to March 15, 1854,	20,00
" John T. Blake for goods delivered to wid. G. W. Rowe,	33,08
" Dearborn T. Blake for 9 ft. of hemlock wood do.	4,50
" Geo. E. Dearborn for 2 cords of wood for do.	8,00
" John Wadleigh for goods delivered to Jona. Tibbetts' family from Nov. 1, 1853 to Feb. 25, 1854,	43,68
" Wm. Perry for attendance on Mrs. Tibbetts and child in October and November, 1853,	23,00
" Nathan B. Tilton for rent of house and garden spot from April 1, 1853 to April 1, 1854,	30,00
" Abraham Shaw for hauling wood to Catharine B. Brown,	,50
" Stephen Green for boarding and nursing Sally Dow from March 26, 1853 to June 4, at \$2,50 a week,	25,00
" Stephen Green for boarding Sally Dow from June 4 to June 23, at \$2,00 a week,	5,42
" do. for 1 pair rubber shoes, 1 cap and opium for Sally Dow,	2,27
" do. for cash for expenses for Sally Dow going to Lynn,	3,50
" John Piper for 2 cords of wood for Tibbetts' family,	9,00
" do. for 1 pound of butter for do.	,25
" George Hardy for half cord of wood for do.	1,75
" John Chase for boarding one of Tibbetts' children 3 weeks,	1,50
" Joseph Brown for hauling wood to Tibbetts' family,	1,00
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	\$383,84

For Roads and Bridges.

Paid Woodbridge S. Hobbs for 18 days labor on highways and bridges,	16,50
" do. 37 feet of oak timber for bridge,	,58
" do. for 30 lbs. spikes do.	1,50
" do. for joist, posts and plank do.	23,55
" John French for joist, posts, spikes and plank do.	4,54
" do. for hauling lumber,	,75
" do. for breaking the road by Charles Hil- liard's from Dec. 28, '53 to Feb. 24, '54,	11,12
" Abraham Shaw for repairing a bridge in 1852,	,50
" George W. Rowe for breaking roads,	3,80
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" Nathan Brown and others their non-resident highway taxes for the year 1853,	9,83

Abatements.

To abated John Piper for a cow that died,	,20
" " Joseph Poor " "	,19
" " Charles Titcomb " "	,18
" " Mark Wadleigh for a horse that died,	,15
" " Dearborn T. Blake for an ox that died,	,36
" " Samuel Obrien poll tax for the year 1853,	1,89
" " Jefferson F. Stevens " "	1,89
" " Alonzo Ferrin " "	1,94
" " Andrew J. Hilton " "	1,94
" " Dorothy Brown's tax " "	,53
" " Sarah P. Kimball, overrated,	,78
Paid George A. Chase for collecting taxes at 1 per cent.	19,48
Remaining in the hands of G. A. Chase, collector for the year 1853,	51,02
	<hr/> \$80,55
Whole amount of money raised and received,	\$2096,00
Amount of money hired for the year 1853,	195,78
	<hr/> \$2291,78
Whole amount paid out,	2198,31
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Remaining in the hands of the Treasurer for 1853,	\$93,47
The town Dr. to cash paid by Wm. Woodman for the sup- port of a child of Arabella A. German,	\$88,94
The town Dr. to Literary fund money,	22,24
Remaining in the hands of Ira E. Brown, Collector in 1847,	2,65
" " " of C. D. Wadleigh, Collector for '48-'49 and '50,	7,49
" " " of Francis Hilliard, Collector for 1851,	35,75
Abated Green Perkins' tax for 1849,	4,55
" Joseph Reed's highway tax for the year 1852,	,38
Estimated debts against the town,	356,62

STEPHEN GREEN, { Selectmen
JOSEPH BROWN, { of
THEO. H. KIMBALL, { Kensington.

Kensington, March 1st, 1854.

We, the undersigned have examined the foregoing, and find it rightly cast and properly vouched, and do approve the same,

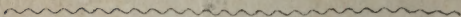
JEREMIAH POOR, {
DEARBORN T. BLAKE, { Auditors.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

For the Year 1854.



There are various opinions respecting the elementary books now in use for young scholars. Some think, they are filled too much with abstracts, too hard for the infant mind to comprehend ; while others say we must keep pace with the times and leave the result for those to judge who succeed us. But to give you the language and opinion of your Superintending School Committee, DR. J. BROWN, may be worthy of your attention, who says, *this* more particularly applies to English Grammar. Arithmetic has been much simplified; so has Geography. But Grammar the hardest, and most abstract of all, has through conceited and ignorant teachers, and unprincipled book-selling, been rendered much more complex and difficult to the infant mind. Thus Wells, in his worthless Grammar has had even the presumption to change the names of the different tenses of the verbs. Thus actually altering and perverting the English language : a book so filled with notes on the irregularities of our language as completely to swamp actual regularities, and swelled to the size of 200 pages, is not the book to put into the hands of a child ten years old from which to learn the English language. It is all chaos and confusion to his comprehension. Murray's large English Grammar is the best one we know of for advanced scholars, and the small abridgement of the same for younger pupils.

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 1. The Summer Term was taught by Miss Prescilla Hilliard of this town. Length of school 24 weeks; whole number of Scholars 52; average attendance 35; whole number of Scholars above 4 years of age, attending a school two weeks 52; number of scholars above 16 year 0; number of children in the District, not attending school any where, 10. By an early agreement, the Superintending care of School District No. 1., was to be under Dr. J. Brown and Mr. C. P. Stevens; but the health of the one, and the occupation of the other has called them from town the most of the past season, and left the care of the schools devolving upon me alone, consequently owing to the above agreement I did not visit this school until the close of the term, therefore am not so well prepared to judge of the improvement, as though I had seen the school at the beginning. There was a good degree of talent exhibited amongst the scholars, many of whom were studious and ambitious and their equals hard to find. I should judge from all appearances that the instructress tried to discharge her duties faithfully and make the school pleasant and flourishing.

The Winter Term of the same school was taught by Mr. William G. Brown of Stratham. Length of school 10 weeks; whole number of pupils in attendance 40; number between 4 and 14 years of age not attending any where 8; average attendance about 28. The improvement in this term was all that could be expected. The school was drilled to that indispensable part "order," which makes a school speak for itself and teacher; whereby every study is made interesting, and every effort crowned with success.

DISTRICT No. 2. The Summer Term was taught by Miss Mary A. Eaton, of South Hampton, gives a return of the whole number of scholars above 4 years 83; number about 16 years of age 3; number in the District not attending any where 2; average attendance 58. There was a degree of activity and energy manifested both from instructress and pupils at the beginning of this term which is seldom to be found in common district schools. Order was law: and this motto maintained, together with unwearied exertions on the part of the instructress served to advance the school beyond the mediocrity, and I may venture to say on a parallel with any in the county. It was very readily seen from her discipline, that she was a practitioner of moral suasion, but when this ceased to be virtue she fellowshipped with the wise man's sayings "spare the rod you spoil the child."

The Winter Term of the same school is under the care and instruction of Mr. Cyrus Brown of this town. Whole number of scholars above 4 years of age 50; number of scholars above 16 years 10; number of scholars not attending school any where 19; average attendance 40; length of school 8 weeks, probably will close the last

of March. The present condition of this school is on the right road for improvement. The errors in reading and recitation, so common to primary schools under his guardian care cannot fail to be corrected, and made under the operation of his principles to heal the old wound and unfold a new idea to the youthful mind; and cannot fail to give satisfaction both to parents and scholars if not biased by prejudice. It is seldom we find a school so ready and active in parts and prompt in their recitations. Owing to past instructors fully discharging their duty succeed by active talents, the school is very explicit. In conclusion I would say; as it takes live fish to swim up stream, so it takes an active man to be a good teacher.

JONATHAN PALMER } Superintending
School
Committee.

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The Winter Term of the common school is under the care and instruction of Mr. Oliver Brown of this town. Whole number of scholars 4; years of age 50; number of scholars above 16 years 10; number of scholars not attending school any where 10; probably will close the last